

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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INTER STATE DISPUTE
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that most of Hydro-Electric projects get delayed due to Inter-State disputes;
- (b) if so, whether this delay adversely affects the implementation of the Hydro Electric Projects and Hydro-Thermal mix;
- (c) if so, the details of the accelerated cost of generation of Hydro Electric Plants as compared to the Thermal Project;
- (d) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan to constitute a Tribunal for settling Inter-State disputes for sharing of Hydro- Electric Power; and
- (e) if so, the status of the proposal and the time by which such a Tribunal is likely to be constituted?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

- (a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Inter-State disputes have held up the development of some attractive and viable hydro electric projects.
- (c) : The cost of generation from power projects particularly hydro power projects is project specific. There is no concept of accelerated cost of generation.
- (d) & (e) : In an agreement signed between the Chief Ministers of Rajasthan, Haryana and Governor of Punjab and Government of India on 10.5.1984 regarding the supply of cooling water for Ropar Thermal Power Station, it had inter-alia been decided to make a reference to the Supreme Court on the claims of Haryana and Rajasthan to a share in the power generation by five projects namely Anandpur Sahib, Mukerian, Thein Dam (Ranjit Sagar), Upper Bari Doab Canal (UBDC) Stage-II and Shahpurkandi. The reference to the Supreme Court has not been made. The subject was discussed in the meetings of the Northern Zonal Council held in October, 1997 and February, 1999. An official level preparatory meeting for a meeting of the Chief Ministers has been held thereafter.